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SUBJ CSCE: SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY

SECURITY (CBM'S); EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS

1. SUBCOMMITTEE HAS DEFERRED FURTHER DRAFTING WORK ON NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK AND TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS. NUMBER OF HEAVILY BRACKETED SENTENCES ON THIS TOPIC WERE FORMULATED AT MARCH 19 MEETING BUT DUTCH, BELGIANS AND NORWEGIANS REFUSED TO AGREE TO PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF ANY BECAUSE THEY WOULD INCLUDE SOVIET PROPOSAL RESTRICTING EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS TO "MAJOR" MILITARY MANEUVERS. ALLIES ARGUED THAT THIS CONTRAVENES AGREED HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS

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WHICH, LIKE UK DRAFT, PROVIDE FOR OBSERVER EXCHANGE

AT "MILITARY MANEUVERS" WITHOUT SPECIFYING THAT THEY
MUST BE "MAJOR".

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF OBSERVER EXCHANGE (WHICH WILL
BE CONTINUING) AUSTRIAN DELEGATE OBSERVED THAT BOTH UK
AND NEUTRAL PROPOSALS USE THE WORD "WILL" IN EXPRESSING
THE NATURE OF THE COMMITMENT AND THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL
USES "SHOULD". HE ASKED SOVIETS TO ACCEPT "WILL" SO
THAT CONSENSUS COULD BE ACHIEVED. SOVIET REP (STASHEVSKI)
AGREED TO DO SO. CHAIRMAN THEN PROPOSED PROVISIONAL
REGISTRATION OF PHRASE "EACH PARTICIPATING STATE WILL
INVITE", AND SINCE NONE OF THE NATO ALLIES INTERVENED
AT THIS POINT US REP HAD TO BLOCK CONSENSUS AND PROPOSE
THAT NATURE OF COMMITMENT BE TEMPORARILY LEFT UNSPECIFIED AS
WAS DONE FOR THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS COVERING NOTIFICATION
OF MANEUVERS. SUB-COMMITTEE AGREED TO THIS APPROACH.
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